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### WHOLE WORLD NOW HANGING ON ANSWER OF GREAT BRITAIN. PEACE OR WAR? FATEFUL QUESTION STILL IS UNDECID

EYES OF THE WORLD ARE ON HIM

## ARMED AND READY, TREND OF EVENTS

Her Course at Present Is That of Neither Belligerent nor Neutral.

GERMANY IS EXERTING **EVERY DIPLOMATIC ART** 

Promises Not to Attack Northern and Western Coasts of

that Sir Edward Grey's speech was a lint to Germany that if she will keep her soldiers of Belgian soil and her battleships away from the coast of France, that will be the price of Great Britain's armed neutrality.

Distributed by the bond issue, it is pointed out, will be entirely available for contract work on the sariace improvement of streets within the present corporate limits.

The Common Council spent the bet-

sages commanded more cheering from the opposition than from his own side of the House. When he related that without interest. of the House. When he related that the German Foreign Minister had declined to state his intentions toward PASSES UNAN PASSES

Burleson said mail service be-

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## COUNCIL PASSES **BOND ISSUE ACT**

Lower Branch Concurs in Measure Appropriating \$500,000 for Streets.

FIRST IN CITY'S HISTORY

Represents a Departure From Fixed Practice of Bonding for Tangible Improvements Only.

With Councilman Powell alone votng against the measure, the Common Council last night concurred in the

With Councilman Powell alone volgagainst the measure, the Common Council has inght concurred in the ordinance authorizing an Issue of \$50,000 in short-term bonds, the produced Indefinitely.

Future is in Doubt, and Hour of Suspense is Prolonged Indefinitely.

LONDON, August 2.—Great Britain has mobilized her forces and awalts events. To-day she is not a beliligerent power, nor is she a neutral one.

The government has given France assurance that the British fleet will not permit the German fleet to attack the French coast. It has not yet piedged itself to contribute an army to the Continental war.

The British government regards with deepest distrust dermany's violation of Belgium's neutrality, but makes no declarations and whether it considers. This pronouncement of government policy—the result of two days' almost continuous deliberations—was made to the House of Commons late to-day by \$10 Edward Grey, Secretary of State Prival and the French counsel indefinitely.

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ne with France, without definite ob-gations. Finally, on the one tremendously vital question—a question upon the answer of which the British empire and the whole world are hanging—whether the government considers that Germany's policy compels Great Britain to wage war, the Foreign Secretary left an impression of doubt.

ground construction, but the su face improvements, including paving, have been left to the annual item for s reets generally. There has been provided for this fund during the current fiscal year about \$400,000, out of which must come the maintenance of the city hands and carts, Engineering Department pay rolls and other everhead charges, leaving a lesser sum for the It an impression of doubt.

That doubt may reflect the mind of Cabinet not wholly unanimous, and it is the first to Germany that if she will keep or soldiers off Belgian soil and her ment of streets with in the arrace improvement of streets with in the arrace improvement of streets within the present or streets.

PROMISE TO FRANCE

SUBJECT TO PEOPLE
The promise to France to protect the French coast with the British fleet, Sir Edward Grey sald, was subjected to the approval of Parliament. Beyond that tribunal it apparently was involved. that tribunal it apparently was intended to be subject to ratification by the court of last resort—the people of the United Kingdom and the court

acquaintance with Great Britain's con- to the Board of Public Interests, con-Edward Grey's strongest pas-commanded more chester (2)

clined to state his intentions toward Belgium, there was an angry outburst with cries of "trickery."

The body passed by a unanimous vote the so-called "near-side" ordinance. It provides that street cars shall stop to discharge or receive passengers only on the near side of intersecting streets, or estrict the service that money cannot be transferred to Europe for speculative purposes."

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"XEAR-SIDE" ORDINANCE PASSES UNANIMOUSLY

The body passed by a unanimous vote discharge or receive passengers only on the near side of intersecting streets, except at transfer points having discassing the service of the servic

Mr. Burleson said mail service between the United States and European points would not be seriously interrupted by the war.

HERRICK DECLARES PARIS

PARIS, August 3.—The pressure of Americans desiring assistance became so great to-day at the embassy that (Continued on Ninth Page.)

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sides.

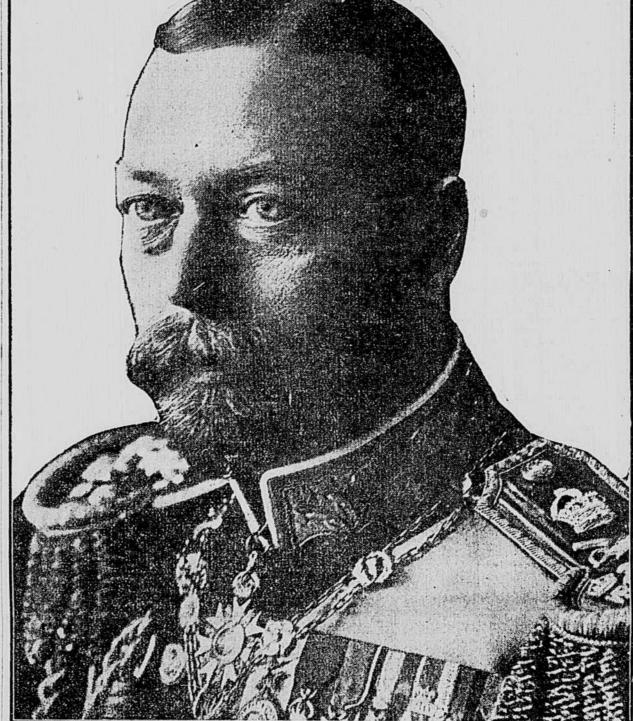
Upon the adverse recommendation of the Common Council rejected the resolution authorizing the script of property which it is proposed to acquire fronts sixty feet on James Street and extends back to Eank Street a distance of 150 feet. The main part is owned by a syndicate headed by a syndicate headed by a syndicate headed by the Committee on Public Buildings.

The project had been agitated for many months, and received the approval of the Committee on Public Buildings.

The body refused to concur in the ordinance passed by the Board of Aldermen authorizing the settlement of the claim for carriages used in continued on Fourth Page.)

(Continued on Fourth Page.) Upon the adverse recommendation of he Finance Committee the Common

(Continued on Fifth Page.)



KING GEORGE, OF ENGLAND.

### MONTAGUE BILL PASSES LOWER HOUSE PROMPTLY

of Post-Office in This City.

quired to Erect Annex, Enlarging Government Facilities at Richmond by More Than One-Fourth.

Richmond won a great victory yes terday when the House of Representa-

bresent structure, the purchase of a large block of ground east of the building, upon which it had already been Some comfort came to:

(Continued on Fourth Page.)

# PROSECUTION RESTS

cused Woman May Learn Her Fate by Thursday.

Further Appropriation Will Be Re- Blow Struck at Defendant When Statement That She Would Go to "Chair" Except for School Teachers Goes Into Evidence

LOUISA, VA., August 3.-Shorttives passed the Montague bill appropriating the sum of \$450,000 for the purchase of land adjoining the Federal Elizabeth A. Hall, charged with murburding in this city, in order that the dering her husband in their store at by the Council from 8, 16 be elected to the country of past of the submitted by the council from 18, 16 be submitted by the council from 18, 16 be submitted by the submitted by post-office may be enlarged to meet the Green Spring Station on the morning growing postal business here. As the of April 15, and the defense proceeded

augurated months ago to have the postoffice building enlarged. Although a
structure costing more than \$800,000

sparing in their description, and the mercy of the prosecution, and
Commonwealth's Attorney W. C. Bibb
and Attorney M. J. Fulton, who is assisting in the prosecution, will be unstructure costing more than \$300,000 has been in use less than two years, it has already been found to be wholly inadequate for the vast amount of business in the local office, and with the daily growth of the parcel post, it was only a question of a few years before another building would have been necessary somewhere, and efforts were necessary somewhere, and efforts were immediately instituted to secure the only available means of enlarging the now attaches to her name. TO ACCUSED WOMAN

ing, upon which it had already been planned to erect a twenty-two-story office building.

Some comfort came to Mrs. Hall this afternoon when A. O. Wood, father of Miss Elsie Wood, and J. W. Flannagan testified in her behalf that posed to acquire fronts sixty feet on Main Street, and extends back to Eank Street a distance of 160 feet. The main part is owned by a syndicate headed by A. Rierne Blair, and the whole site is held at \$600.000. (Continued On Fourth Page.)

POPULAR MOUNTAIN EXCURSION, Southern Railway, August II, to Asheville and Western North Carolina; 15-day limit, 39 round trip. Inquire, 997 E. Main. Mad. 272.

# PLANS ARE COMPLETED

Provides \$450,000 to Enlarge Site Defense Makes Headway, and Ac- Friends or Relatives of Americans Abroad Can Place Any Sum With State Department.

Bryan and McAdoo Now Making Percial Care of American Citizens in Other Countries-Funds Plentiful.

gress, at the request of Presdient Wilson, appropriated \$250,000 to care for the immediate needs of Americans, especially those without funds. More

be granted if desired. Americans who have letters of credit or other forms of money credit will be assisted by American embassies in having them cashed. Instructions were issued to American diplomatic officers to issue "ambassadors" orders" in exchange for letters of credit, bank checks or money orders. Friends and relatives of Americans abroad can deposit any sum with the State Department here, and an embassy check for the amount will be issued in Europe. make permanent arrangements

for the financial accommodation American citizens in Europe, Secretaries Bryan and McAdoo have embassies abroad. The plan was dis-cussed at conferences to-day between the Ambrose Channel lightship. tary Bryan, Secretary McAdoo representatives of New York Secretary Bryan. banking houses.

DEFINITE ARRANGEMENTS ABOUT SHIPS NOT MADE

ABOUT SHIPS NOT MADE

No definite arrangements have been made about ships. Army and navy officers say the transports are inadequate, and many are not available. Secretary Bryan to-morrow will discuss the subject with a representative of the international Mercantile Marine.

The secretary believes there are enough American and neutral ships in

able to leave at some later date if any Lutz, D. S. desire to do so."

money orders issued to European points will be issued probably to-morrow by the Post-Office Department, ac cording to Postmaster-General

"It is not my purpose," Mr. Burleson said, "to restrict the money order ser-(Continued on Second Page.)

day in Ticonderoga, N. Y. He was saxty years of age and a native of New York.

## LINER QUIETLY SLIPS FROM PORT

Believed to Be Carrying Coal to Cruiser Off Sandy Hook.

**MOVEMENTS ARE MYSTERIOUS** 

On Her Forward Deck Is Box Large Enough to Contain Powerful Gun.

NEW YORK, August 3.—Slipping quietly out of port to-night, her super-structure painted gray, with 6,000 tons of coal and no passengers on board, the of coal and no passengers on board, the German liner Kronprinz Wilhelm may be carrying fuel to a German cruiser not far outside Sandy Hook. It is known that the wireless station at Sayville, Long Island, has been working with a German war vessel probably not many miles off shore, and said to be the cruiser Karlsruhe.

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As required by maritime regulations, the Kronprinz Wilhelm took out clearance papers, ostensibly for Bremen, and it was intimated in quarters supposed to be well informed that she would endeavor to make that port by passing around the northerly end of Scotland. What she might really do after passing out of the harbor, however, was a question for her commander to determine after he had read his orders, which, according to intimations at the steamship pier, were to be opened after she had passed Sandy Hook.

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LINER'S PREPARATIONS

SHROUDED IN MYSTERY

Mystery shrouded the liner's preparations for departure and her actual salling. On her forward deck she carried a box large enough to contain a naval gun of considerable power. The vessel was constructed for possible use as a German naval reserve unit in case of need, and her build is stanch enough to stand the strain of firing a gun such as the case might have contained. North German-Lloyd officials, however, denied that the Kronprinz Wilhelm had been secretly fitted out for use for fighting purposes. The box on the deck was declared to contain an extra crankshaft. The top was so fully loaded that coal showed above the hatches. the hatches.

the hatches.

When the North German Lloyd Line let it be known late to-day that she was to leave port, it was said she would not sail before midnight or later. Four hours before this time, how-ever, the Kronprinz left the pier and steamed down the harbor. Not only had her superstructure been painted gray, but it was reported that after the vessel had crossed the American three-mile neutrality zone, her entire body above water would be given the same color. Her crew numbers 350

with shipping in this port was taken to-day, when the French government requisitioned the steamer Rochambeau, which arrived here to-night, by order-ing this French line vessel turned over to the French consul. The Rochambeau will become a French transport, well under

it is believed.

Officials of the North German Line

MOVEMENTS OF SHIPS
SMALLER EACH DAY
The movement of ocean-plying vessels is becoming smaller each day.
The White Star Line sold tickets, but would not promise to send its ships out. The French Line accepted reserout. The French Line accepted reser-WILL ACQUIRE WHOLE BLOCK MANY WITNESSES EXAMINED IT WILL BE SENT TO EUROPE vations, but not money. La Lorraine, of this line, was expected to-night to Bryan and McAdoo Now Making Per-manent Arrangements for Finan-to the rails, on Friday. The American and White Star Lines announced that their vessels would not touch at Cher-

> The Fabre Line, sending ships to WASHINGTON, August 3.—Plans Mediterranean ports, to-day cancelled were virtually completed to-night for the care of Americans in Europa Confunds. More carry the Lusitania's mails.

Several transatiantic vessels reached port to-day. They included the Ro-chambeau, the Anchor Line Columbia from Glasgow; the Scandinavian-Amer bagen; the Europa, Italian Line, from Naples.

The German cruiser Karlsruhe reported to be in the neighborhood of this port, is of 4,900 tons displace-ment and of 26,000 horsepower.

Germany, through her diplomats, treed to keep Britain out by a virging her offer to refrain from using her

Only the running lights of the Kronprinz Wilhelm were up as she passed out of the harbor. instead of bearing to the north astward, the Kron-atlantic liners usually do, the Kron-prinz headed southward. This was re-other nations which are their closest neighbors. bearing to the northeastward, as transranged with New York banking ported by the steamer Seguranca, houses to co-operate with American which came in to-night from Santiago,

#### MAROONED IN PARIS

"The Secretary of State has received a telegram from the American ambassador at Paris, in which he states that he thinks there is no cause for alarm on the part of those who remain in that city for the present, and that he believes Americans will be able to leave at some later date if any desire to do so."

States.

Among those in the party are Mrs. Fletcher, Dr. Clarence J. Owens, director-general of the Southern Commercial Congress; A. J. Mathewson, of Bennetsville, S. C., and Mrs. Mathewson, S. C., and Mrs. Henderson, Alken, S. C., and Mrs. Orders restricting the amount of oke, Va., and Leroy Hodges, Peters-European | burg, Va.

> 'olonel Stephen C. Mills Dead. WASHINGTON, August 3.—Colone Stephen C. Mills, of the inspector-gen eral department of the army, day in Ticonderoga, N. Y. He

## UPON BELGIUM IS FLATLY REFUSED

Kaiser's Twelve-Hour Ultimatum Most Important Event of War Drama.

DRAWS ENGLAND CLOSER TO PART IN CONFLICT

Decision as to Great Britain Virtually Left to Public Opinion.

PEOPLE ARE AGAINST PEACE

Powers Mobilizing, but Stage of Great Battles Is Not Reached.

#### War at a Glance

Announcement of the definite policy of the British Cabinet, which the Prime Minister was expected to make in the Parliament, was post-

make in the Parliament, was postponed.

John Burns, president of the Local
Government Board, resigned last
night from the Cabinet, owing to
disagreement over the war policy of
the British government, and a late
report said that Viscount Morley,
Lord President of the Council, was
considering resigning.

Sir Edward Grey, in the Commons,
reviewed the situation, and although
he used qualifying phrases, his
words were taken generally to mean
that Great Britain is committed to
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The German ambassador at Paris was ordered by the Emperor to demand his passports, which lines up France with Russia, Servia and Montenegro against Germany and Austria-Hungary.

The mobilization of most of the countries of Europe has been virtually completed. Holland has been invaded at Limburg by German troops, according to report, and the Dutch people are said to be flooding the country to prevent the passage of the soldiers.

Germany has issued a white book, justifying her action with respect to Russia, and at the same time German diplomats at London are using their utmost efforts to win Great Britain to a position of neutrality.

Few reports of actual military movements have been received owing to the censorship.

LONDON, August 3 .- All the great European powers except Italy, and most

of the secondary powers, are mobiliz-ing with all their energy. Mobilization has not yet reached a stage where any of the armies have met in battle. Italy, which declared her neutrality, will begin to mobilize officially to-morrow, although the process probably is ell under way. Great Britain's mobilization is nearly

FOR AID OF TOURISTS said they had received no cable messages as reported that the Kronprinzessin Cecille, carrying \$13,000,000 in gold, had reached a German port.

MOVEMENTS OF SHIPS completed, but she has not announced that she will join in the general war.

To-night war efficially extended between Austria and Germany on the one side and Russia, Servia and Montenegro on the other.

The most important event in the past twenty-four hours was Germany's de-mand upon Belgium, in the form of a twelve-hour ultimatum, that the German troops be permitted to cross Bel-glum to the French frontier, coupled with the promise that Belgian integrity should remain unimpaired at the end of the war and that Belgium should be

To this Belgium refused to accede, on the ground of her rights and honor. Sir Edward Grey, British Secretary, for Foreign Affairs, made a statement in the House of Commons indicating that Great Britain's interests and obli gations could not permit her to submit to the violation of Belgian territory. This victually left the decision as to whether Great Britain should make war There is no doubt that British senti-

ment is fer war. The appeals of the peace party get no hearing. Not one man in a hundred in London scemingly wants the nation to remain neutral offer to refrain from using her navy against France as the price of Great Britain's neutrality. But the English people clearly are convinced that their honor and vital interests compel them

outside land has been invaded through the Province of Limburg. The people of the Dutch kingdom, resolved to go to MAROONED IN PARIS

any extremity, are said to be opening the dikes and flooding the country, which would make the passage of are army impossible.

BELIEVE GREAT NAVAL

BATTLE IS IN PROGRESS
[Special Cable to The Times-Dispatch.]

LONDON, August 3.—It is stated touight on high authority that heavy
firing has been proceeding for some
time in the North Sea. No details are
available, but it is considered likely
that a great navai battle is in progress.

The secretary believes there are enough American and neutral ships in service to take away the thousands who desire to leave. The department made this announcement:

"The Secretary of State has received The delegates and intended to remain in Europe thirty days longer, but canceled their plans and are endeavoring to get passage for the United States.

Among those in the party are Mrs.

GERMAN BALTIC FLEET MASSED IN NORTH SEA.

COPENHAGEN, August 3.—It is reported that part of the German fleet is now massed in the North Sea of the Copenhagen, and intended to remain in Europe thirty days longer, but canceled their plans and are endeavoring to remain in Europe thirty days longer, but canceled their plans and are endeavoring to get the United States. Jutland, having passed through the Kiel Canat. All Danish troops have been with-drawn from Jutland and are concen-trated at Copenhagen.

JEWS ARE SUMMONED
TO COLORS OF FRANCE
[Special Cable to The Times-Dispatch.]
PARIS, August 3—Headed by a banner, upon which was inscribed the PARIS, August 3.—Headed by a banner, upon which was inscribed the
words, "Jews, come to the aid of
France," 2,000 Jews marched through
the principal streets of Paris to-day
singing the "Marseillaise." It was one
of the most imposing processions seen
since Paris went war mad. The demonstration was the result of a call of
the Hebrew Association of Paris sum. moning all Jews of all nationalities at